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SUBJECT: SOWETO STUDENTS IN SWAZILAND

FOLLOWING PRESS RELEASE READ ON SWAZILAND BROADCASTING  
SERVICE NEWS EVENING NOVEMBER 24: QUOTE

A. IN VIEW OF THE MANY CONFLICTING REPORTS APPEARING IN  
THE PRESS CONCERNING THE REFUGEE STUDENTS WHO HAVE RUN  
AWAY FROM SOWETO TO SWAZILAND, THE SWAZILAND GOVERNMENT  
HAS ISSUED THE FOLLOWING CLARIFICATION STATEMENT.

B. AT THE REQUEST OF THE GOVERNMENT OF SWAZILAND, THE  
UNHCR HAS SENT MR. D.R. MCNAMARA TO SWAZILAND TO  
ASSIST THE GOVERNMENT IN ARRANGING DURABLE SOLUTION FOR  
THESE STUDENTS, AND TO PROVIDE POSSIBLE FINANCIAL  
ASSISTANCE TO THE GOVERNMENT OF SWAZILAND IN THIS TASK.

C. THE STUDENTS HAVE BEEN INTERVIEWED BY GOVERNMENT  
OFFICIALS AND BY THE UNHCR REPRESENTATIVE TO DETERMINE THEIR  
WISHES IN EACH CASE. SOME PARENTS OF STUDENTS HAVE ALSO  
BEEN INTERVIEWED TOGETHER WITH THEIR CHILDREN, AND STEPS  
ARE BEING TAKEN TO IMPLEMENT THEIR EXPRESSED WISHES. THE  
TOTAL NUMBER OF REFUGEE STUDENTS FROM SOUTH AFRICA  
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IS NOW 190 RPT 190 INCLUDING 18 RPT 18 GIRLS,

RANGING FROM 16 TO 24 YEARS.

D. THE MAJORITY ARE BETWEEN 18 AND 22 YEARS OF AGE.

THE STUDENTS ARE BEING PROVIDED WITH TEMPORARY ACCOMMODATION

BY THE GOVERNMENT OF SWAZILAND IN TWO RECEPTION CENTRES,

AND MATERIAL ASSISTANCE WILL BE PROVIDED FOR THEM BY

THE UNHCR. UNQUOTE

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